

**UNITED STATES PATENT APPLICATION
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As a below named inventor I hereby declare that: my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that

I verily believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or a joint inventor (if plural inventors are named below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ELECTRICALLY STIMULATING THE NERVOUS SYSTEM TO IMPROVE VENTRICULAR DYSFUNCTION, HEART FAILURE, AND OTHER CARDIAC CONDITIONS

The specification of which

☒ is attached hereto

☐ was filed on _____ application serial no. _____ was amended on __ (if applicable) (in the case of a PCT-filed application) described and claimed in international no. __ filed __ and as amended on __ (if any), which I have reviewed and for which I solicit a United States patent.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent of inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on the basis of which priority is claimed:

☒ no such applications have been filed.

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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120/365 of any United States and PCT international application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

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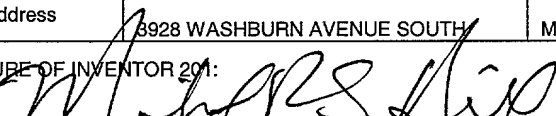
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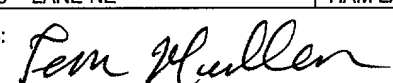
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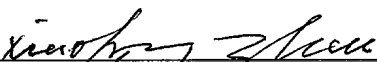
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